

Society Saunterings.

It is hard to say who was the hit of the piece. Sort of an all star cast as it were, with the honors very evenly distributed though there were some striking exceptions, and some individual effects that would have been a glory to a mardi gras, and which deserve all the nice things that can be said of them.

The bal masque at the Fort is the event referred to. Captain and Mrs. Sturgis, Captain and Mrs. Woodward, and Captain and Mrs. Jamerson were responsible for the unique affair which was a glorious ending to a holiday season replete with social festivities of every description.

The fun began when Frank Judge in the characteristic dress of the cow boy tried to brand the cerise calves of Clifford Pearsall who made a tremendous hit in his representation of Louis The Something. From then until the time for unmasking, after which the cotillon was cleverly led by Captain Sturgis, the merriment was unceasing.

Mrs. Sturgis, Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Jamerson were very attractive in their characterizations. Mrs. Sturgis was Babbie, and perfect in the part, Mrs. Woodward's Japanese costume was correct in every detail, and one of the handsomest worn, while Mrs. Jamerson as a Spanish dancer was a bewitching type evidently having come directly from Madrid for the occasion.

The Billy Baylys were worth going a long way to see. Just who they represented was a matter of guess work, but evidently Pierrot and Pierouette. Their garb was clever and really funny.

Mrs. Cunningham as a Christmas tree made a decided hit in her bizarre disguise, but Billy piked wearing nothing stranger than a dress suit.

Mrs. A. E. Walker and Miss Leta McMillan as flower girls were very beautiful, and Misses McCornick, Salisbury and Judge carried out a charming idea in their quaint Neapolitan costumes.

Mrs. Kenneth Kerr represented Peg Woffington and Ken was Richard Carvel. Both costumes were perfect in detail, and worn with the grace of the long ago.

Miss Ruth Kirkpatrick wore a stunning costume of purpleish red—magenta—and with black mask and gloves and slippers the contract was most effective. She appeared as Iris, and the only trimming on the dress consisted of these purple blossoms.

Lieutenant Allen was a ravishing beauty as a lady with hair of doubtful hue, and George Lawrence was most original as an aesthetic Indian with a pale pink feather twisted in his coiffure.

A gentleman named Critchlow went as a lobster, and like many another wore merely a dress suit. John just loves to dance anyway, and besides he donated all of his stage costumes when he retired last spring.

But to return to the dance, if you think it wasn't a great success, ask those who meant to go as The Uninvited Guests.

The New Year's reception given by Mrs. John A. Marshall and Miss Kirkpatrick at the Marshall home on Monday in honor of their sisters, Mrs. Winston and Mrs. Ackland-Hood was the largest event of the holidays, and though the cards read from five to eight o'clock, it was long after eleven before the last guests had departed.

The beautiful home arranged in such an ideal manner for an event of the kind was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and every appointment of the affair was attended with a detail that assured the enjoyment of the hundreds of guests.

Assisting the hostesses were Mrs. Kirkpatrick and the Misses Kirkpatrick, and a number of young men served the egg-nog and assisted in serving the buffet lunch, an original idea, to which the men took admirably.

After the reception, the younger people were invited to stay for an informal hop which lasted until nearly midnight.

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